

Leaks

Kilgore Trout's idea that a mirror is a leak into another realm is one that I have thought about before. When a baby or a cat sees a mirror the first few times, it freaks out, I think there is another baby, or another cat in the mirror. When I look in the mirror I see a different person that I feel I am, I am always surprised when I see myself.

Signs

While Kilgore Trout was hitching a ride in a Spanish Olive truck, they stopped at a dinner to eat and saw a billboard that said EAT in front of it, the sign was huge and that's all it said. When they got out of the truck Kilgore noticed that the truck they had been driving in said Pyramid in eight foot letters on the side. He then goes on to talk about how weird it would be if you were from another planet, and you saw all these signs. What would you think? That humans were promoting eating, or that there was a truck delivering pyramids around the country.

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In a number of circumstances he ends a chapter with a giant ETC. that he draws himself. He explains that all human life is so similar that you can plainly end any story about humans with etc. because it always ends the same, you always get older and die, every human, every-time. He ends his own book with this same ETC. and before he does so Kilgore says "Make me young, make me young, make me young!" Meaning to me that he wished he was different, he didn't want his story to end the same way everyone else's story ends.